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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraphs at page 6, line 7 through page 7, line 7, in the following manner:

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY

~~An object of the present invention is to provide an improved maintenance/recovery device for a liquid discharge device in which the above-mentioned problems are eliminated.~~

Another object of the present invention is to provide In an aspect of this disclosure, a maintenance/recovery device for a liquid discharging device is provided in which the water repellence of a cap member is increased with simple composition and the discharging characteristic of the recording liquid with high viscosity is increased.

~~In order to achieve the above-mentioned objects, the present invention provides~~ In an exemplary embodiment of this disclosure, a maintenance/recovery device for a liquid discharge device, ~~the maintenance/recovery device comprising:~~ includes a cap member covering a surface of a nozzle of a liquid discharging head, the liquid discharging head discharging a droplet of a recording liquid from the nozzle, ~~[[;]]~~ a resilient contact member provided in the cap member to come in contact with the surface of the nozzle, ~~[[;]]~~ a recess-forming member providing in the cap member to form a recess for receiving the recording liquid attracted from the nozzle, wherein the contact member and the recess-forming member are integrally formed by molding, the recess-forming member is made of a resin material containing a water repellent agent, and the recess-forming member is provided to have at least two slopes being inclined toward an outlet at a bottom of the recess.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 23 through page 8, line 15, in the following manner:

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In order to achieve the above-mentioned objects, the present invention provides In another exemplary embodiment of this disclosure, an image forming device is provided comprising a liquid discharge head provided as a recording head which discharges a droplet of a recording liquid from a nozzle; and a maintenance/recovery device provided to maintain and recover performance of the liquid discharge head, the maintenance/recovery device comprising: a cap member covering a surface of the nozzle of the liquid discharging head; a resilient contact member provided in the cap member to come in contact with the surface of the nozzle; a recess-forming member providing in the cap member to form a recess for receiving the recording liquid attracted from the nozzle, wherein the contact member and the recess-forming member are integrally formed by molding, the recess-forming member is made of a resin material containing a water repellent agent, and the recess-forming member is provided to have at least two slopes being inclined toward an outlet at a bottom of the recess.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 20-23, in the following manner:

Other ~~objects~~ aspects, features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description when reading in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

Please amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 19-21, in the following manner:

In this case, as shown in FIG. 10, the corner parts of the cap member 92a, or the corner parts ~~192a-192d~~ 193a-193d of the recess-forming member 193, are formed into curved surfaces.